

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,
(by Memorial Library)

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2014

MISSION AWARENESS SUNDAY

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

Hymn: God of Mercy

Prayer of Confession:

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Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

Anthem: Jump for Joy (feel free to join in – 406)

(Chichewa and Tumbuka are national languages of Malawi. This hymn was originally a Chichewan chorus and translated by Clara Henderson who many of you know as an International Ministries staff person from the PCC.)

First Reading: **Acts 17: 22-31** *Kathy Large*

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 66:8-20** *Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows, that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me. I cried aloud to God, and extolled God with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, God would not have listened. But truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because God has not rejected my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn: Who's goin' tell the story

761

Community conversation

Gospel: **John 14: 15-21**

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn: We've a story to tell

765

A reading from Scripture: Rev. Chilongosi

Sermon: **The Rev. Mwawi Chilongosi**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

830

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Mission Moment: *What's happening at David's Place?* Nicole Campbell
"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

We Go Out to Serve God

Hymn: Send me Lord

777

Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK – (May 25-June 1)

Today 9:00 am Early service
10:00 am Circle of Prayer
11:00 am Traditional service
Noon Refreshments
2:00 pm Mwawi will be speaking at Calvin Presbyterian about her work in Malawi – all welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tuesday&Thursday 9:30 am Exercise class
Thursday 7:30pm Choir Practice
Friday 10-12 noon David's Place - Friday Drop-In
Sunday 9:00 am Early service
10:00 am Circle of Prayer
11:00 am Traditional service

Today: The Rev. Mwawi Chilogosi joins us for worship as we celebrate our International Partnerships. She will be making a presentation at Calvin Presbyterian at 2 pm this afternoon.

June 1: Kenn and Mac MacKay will be attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. Judithe Adam Murphy will be leading the services.

unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

John 14:15-21 [Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Acts 17:22-31 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as

PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION MOMENTS: Changing lives through Youth in

Mission In 2013 a Youth in Mission team of nine young people travelled to Malawi where they spent three weeks visiting PCC and PWS&D partners and projects in Mulanje and Blantyre. Participant Katie Hubley from New Glasgow, NS, shares, “This trip was easily the most life-changing event I have ever experienced and I thank God every day for the opportunity to serve Him. I am so thankful for what I’ve learned from our brothers and sisters in Malawi – their warm welcome, their love of worship, their contentment, and their willingness to praise God and experience true joy in less than perfect circumstances.” *Presbyterians Sharing* supports the Youth in Mission program, enabling young people to learn first-hand about The Presbyterian Church in Canada’s mission and ministry around the world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Thank God for parents who nurture love of truth and justice within their children.

STEWARDSHIP You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.

John Bunyan

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David’s is a breastfeeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.



1 Breastfeed.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This is a ‘scent free’ zone for the comfort of all.

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our readers for this morning are member of the Mission and Outreach Committee. Refreshment Host is Sally Fyfe.